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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 5867

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, LA

SUBJECT: MIA--LAOS: CAPTAIN GOURLEY

REFS: A) STATE 148972 (NOTAL)

B) VIENTIANE 5233

1. REFTEL A ADVISED THAT GOURLEY FAMILY WAS INTERESTED IN KNOWING THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THEIR LETTER ADDRESSED TO THEIR SON WHICH HAD BEEN SENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER, SOUVANNA PHOUMA, FOR CONVEYANCE ONWARD.

2. DURING THE MEETING DESCRIBED REFTEL B, THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PHOUMI VONGVICHIT, STATED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH HIM. PHOUMI SAID HE TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT HE WAS RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT THE LETTER SINCE THE ONLY AMERICAN PRISONER WAS EMMET KAY. THE PRIME MINISTER INSISTED, HOWEVER, AND PHOUMI ACCEPTED THE LETTER AND FORWARDED IT TO SAM NEUA. HE TOLD THE AMBASSADOR AND CONGRESSMAN MONTGOMERY THAT HE WAS POSITIVE THE LETTER WOULD NOT BE DELIVERED BY HIS ASSOCIATES IN SAM NEUA, AS EMMET KAY WAS THE ONLY AMERICAN ALIVE IN THE LPF ZONE.

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3. WE SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT ADVISE CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER

THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS FORWARDED THE LETTER TO THE
PATHET LAO CENTRAL REPOSITORY AT SAM NEUA. FURTHER,
STAFFER SHOULD BE ADVISED OF PATHET LAO'S INSISTENCE THAT
EMMET KAY IS THE ONLY KNOWN AMERICAN PRISONER AND, IN VIEW
OF THAT CONDITION, CHANCES THAT THE FAMILY WILL RECEIVE A
REPLY TO THEIR LETTER ARE NOT LIKELY.
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